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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Carlson et al.

Application No.: 09 / 641,101 Group No.: 3754.
Filed: August 17, 2000 Examiner: Keasel, E.
For: BALL VALVE WITH MODIFIED CHARACTERISTICS

**RESPONSE UNDER
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AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION—TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment after final rejection (37 C.F.R. § 1.116) for this application.

NOTE: Response to Final Rejection—Avoiding Extension Fees "In patent applications wherein a three month Shortened Statutory Period (SSP) is set for response to a Final Rejection, the response would best be

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STATUS

2. Applicant is

- ☒ a small entity. A statement:
- ☐ is attached.
- ☒ was already filed.
- ☐ other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: As to a Supplemental Amendment filed in response to a final office action, the Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35) states:

"If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run."

3. (complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 390.00	\$ 195.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 890.00	\$ 460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 695.00

Fee: \$ 460.00

If additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 460.00

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE ADDIT. FEE		OR RATE ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL *		MINUS **		=		× \$9 = \$		× \$18 = \$	
INDEP. *		MINUS ***		=		= \$40 = \$		= \$80 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$135 = \$		+ \$270 = \$	
						TOTAL \$		OR TOTAL \$	
						ADDIT. FEE \$			

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

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The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee required is \$ _____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☒ Attached is a ☒ check ☐ money order in the amount of \$ 620.00 (Includes fee for Notice of Appeal)

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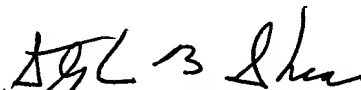
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